

QUESTION: I have a Competent Authority Approval (CA) with a seven-digit number and I understand that the U.S. Department of Transportation's Office of Approvals has changed the numbering system to a 10-digit number. Will my company have to apply for a new number? May I use packagings, labels and/or stamps with the old number?

ANSWER: At the beginning of the Year 2000, it became necessary to revamp the CA numbering system, and the 10-digit numbering system was developed. The old seven-digit number (and in a few cases, the nine-digit number) and the new 10-digit number are interchangeable. It is NOT necessary to apply for a new number. For all CA's including renewals (which includes EX Approval letters) the new 10-digit number will be used. If your company is using packagings, labels, and/or stamps with the old number, you may continue to use them until your supply is used up. All new packagings, labels and/or stamps should have the new number on them.

QUESTION: I need to update my Cargo Tank (CT) registration number. How do I do this?

ANSWER: The registration program for registering persons who perform functions on cargo tanks where registration is required has been transferred to the U.S. DOT's Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA). The preferred method to register with the Department is through the on-line process. Go to www.saferys.org and select registration and follow the instructions. If you have question regarding the registration process please contact the help desk at (703) 280-4001. For technical questions regarding registration functions please contact FMCSA's Hazardous Material Program Specialist (HMPS) in your specific area. Contact information for HMPS are available at <http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/safety-security/hazmat/hm.htm>. If additional information is required please contact Danny Shelton @ 202-366-0476.

QUESTION: I am with a branch of the Department of Defense and I need a copy of an existing Competent Authority Classification of Explosives (EX approval letter) so that I can move some (military) explosives through the commercial transportation system. How can I obtain a copy of an existing EX letter (for military purposes)?

ANSWER: To obtain a copy of an existing EX approval letter issued to the U.S. Department of the Army's Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command (SDDC) (formerly known as the Military Traffic Management Command (MTMC)), you may contact Mr. Joe Dugan, at 757-878-8294 or Ms. Tiney Sales, at 757-878-8289. The fax number is 757-878-8205. This office has access to all copies of EX letters issued to the SDDC or MTMC and serves as the point of contact for all requests for copies of existing EX approval letters.